



From The East

Hello my brothers, hope to find everyone well.

I can't believe it's May all ready.

As you all know we had our first fifth Monday Family Night in March, it was great to see everybody. We had some new visitors that came by too .Hopefully we will have a new Entered Apprentice in our lodge next month. Let me first to welcome Brother Jody Zeese and his wife. We also had our first Past Masters dinner in April; it was great to see some our Past Masters who was able to attend. Our world famous chef, Past Master Bob Herman out did himself with a seafood dish that he made up that was out of this world. It was a night to tell our Past Masters "THANK YOU", for all the hard work they did to keep our lodge going. Don't forget about our upcoming events.

**Yard Sale* on Saturday May 10th at 6:00am to 2:00pm it's a good time to do some Spring cleaning and clearing out your garage and make a few bucks also.*

"Grand Lodge Convention in Orlando" around Memorial Day week. So make your plans to attend.

Also want to thank all the brothers and our renters for doing an outstanding job working on the ceiling tiles in the dining room area .And a special thanks to Past Master Matthew Jones for helping me on the New Flower bed in front of the lodge. It looks beautiful.

Still looking forward to see those brothers that been away for a while.

Jerry A.Haywood

Worshipful Master



FROM THE SECRETARIE'S DESK

My Brothers

Not much to report this month, Remember if you are planning to move please send me your new address so your records are up to date.

The Grand Lodge Communication is being held in Orlando over the Memorial day weekend, If you are interested in attending contact the Lodge for the time and place

Please keep us on your calendar for Monday nights, I always enjoy meeting and talking with my Brothers.

Fraternally

Matthew K. Jones

WHY WOULD A MAN BE A MASON?

Recently, my grand-son asked me a serious, heartfelt question. At first I thought I had the answers. And yet, as I pondered his inquiry, I realized the answers I had for myself may not be the answers of other men. What was this question, you ask, that had me thinking on my place in this lodge? Very simply put, the question was this:

“Grandpa, why would a man be a mason?”

“Some men,” I answered, “might join seeking status or to gain employment opportunities. But these reasons are not the true Masonic way.”

I immediately thought of a few of my own answers.....

- (1) To be associated with other good men
- (2) Fellowship with other good men
- (3) A man's father or other outstanding member of his family/community was a mason
- (4) Curiosity
- (5) To help charities or aid a brother when needed
- (6) Knowing my brothers would aid me in times of need

Then I considered the state of my own lodge. Once a man, a real man, chose to become a brother in a lodge as grand as ours why would that same man then choose to not attend? Why would such men not want to attend and support their Masonic Blue Lodge? So, I came up with a few of those possible answers as well.

- (1) He doesn't like the way things are done
- (2) He doesn't like what does not go his way
- (3) He doesn't like one or two of his brethren
- (4) There may be a football game on TV
- (5) There may be a basketball game on TV
- (6) There may be a hockey game on TV
- (7) There may be a baseball game on TV
- (8) There may be a car race on TV
- (9) There may be a boxing match on TV
- (10) Involved with a computer game. The list is endless. (You get where I am going here, right? Also, they have these things called a DVR!)

Of course, there are a few justifiable reasons. A brother is out of town, has an illness, a family emergency, work or vacation or so on. If attendance does not increase Masonic Brothers may one day wake up and find they no longer have a lodge. Poor attendance could result in closure and the building being sold. As I stated before, there are good reasons for an absence. But every week of every month, year after year? If you want to do something or go somewhere, you will find the time and the way. If you want something bad enough you will find a way. Period.

Please give this serious thought,

W.: Harold A. Glisson, P.M.